

DEMA Encourages Delawareans To Prepare For Winter Storm

SMYRNA, DE: The [Delaware Emergency Management Agency \(DEMA\)](#) along with local, state, and federal partners, are closely monitoring the winter storm anticipated to arrive Friday into Saturday. We continue to coordinate with the counties and key state agencies to ensure readiness. The State Emergency Operations Center will be activated beginning at 9 a.m. Friday to coordinate the statewide response. The main threats are anticipated to include high winds which may lead to downed trees and power lines, extreme cold, snow, and minor coastal flooding. A Winter Storm Watch is in effect for all of Delaware and a Gale Warning is in effect for coastal areas and the Delaware Bay. Plan ahead now and be prepared.

To view the briefing package from the National Weather Service:

https://www.weather.gov/media/phi/current_briefing.pdf



HOW TO PREPARE

Make a Plan [prepared.org/make-a-plan](https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan)

- Make a plan for where you would go if you have to shelter-in-place or where to go if you need to leave your home.
- Communicate and practice your plan with family.
- Have a list of emergency contacts and copies of important documents.
- Be cautious with alternate heating sources and have working carbon monoxide detectors and smoke alarms.
- Check snow blowers and generators.
- Check on friends, family, and neighbors
- Plan ahead if you need assistance with snow and ice

removal.

Make an Emergency Kit preparedede.org/make-a-kit

- Make sure that you have emergency supplies, such as non-perishable food and water, for each member of your family (and pets) to last for at least 3 days.
- Have a supply of any needed medications and medical equipment.
- Have an emergency kit in your vehicle as well!
- Have flashlights and extra batteries in case of power outages and fully charged power banks to charge electronic devices.
- Make sure that you have warm layers and blankets in case of power outages.

Stay Informed

- Have multiple ways of monitoring the weather through [US National Weather Service Philadelphia/Mount Holly](#). A NOAA Weather Radio is a great backup system!
- Register for the [Delaware Emergency Notification System \(DENS\)](#) to receive important emergency alerts [here](#).
- Monitor our social media pages and local officials if further actions are required.
- For updates on the roads: <https://delldot.gov/> and through their app <https://delldot.gov/mobile/>.

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